

### **IC 4-4-9.3**

#### **Chapter 9.3. Rural Development Administration Fund**

### **IC 4-4-9.3-1**

#### **Establishment and administration of fund; investment of money in fund**

Sec. 1. (a) The rural development administration fund is established for the purpose of enhancing and developing rural communities. The fund shall be administered by the Indiana rural development council.

(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from the money in the fund.

(c) Notwithstanding IC 5-13, the treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund under IC 5-10.3-5. The treasurer of state may contract with investment management professionals, investment advisers, and legal counsel to assist in the management of the fund and may pay the state expenses incurred under those contracts.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

*As added by P.L.224-2003, SEC.177.*

### **IC 4-4-9.3-2**

#### **Expenditures from fund**

Sec. 2. (a) Money in the fund may be used for the following purposes:

(1) To create, assess, and assist a pilot project to enhance the economic and community development in a rural area.

(2) To establish a local revolving loan fund for an industrial, a commercial, an agricultural, or a tourist venture.

(3) To provide a loan for an economic development project in a rural area.

(4) To provide technical assistance to a rural organization.

(5) To assist in the development and creation of a rural cooperative.

(6) To address rural workforce development challenges.

(7) To assist in addressing telecommunications needs in a rural area.

(b) Expenditures from the fund are subject to appropriation by the general assembly and approval by the Indiana rural development council under IC 4-4-9.5. The council may not approve an expenditure from the fund unless the rural development administration advisory board established by section 3 of this chapter has recommended the expenditure.

*As added by P.L.224-2003, SEC.177.*

### **IC 4-4-9.3-3**

#### **Establishment and purpose of advisory board; membership; length of terms; vacancies; quorum**

Sec. 3. (a) The rural development administration advisory board

is established to make recommendations concerning the expenditure of money from the fund.

(b) The advisory board shall meet at least four (4) times per year and shall also meet at the call of the executive director of the rural development council.

(c) The advisory board consists of the following members:

(1) The executive director of the Indiana rural development council, who serves as an ex officio member and as the chairperson of the advisory board.

(2) Two (2) members of the senate, who may not be members of the same political party, and who are appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(3) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who may not be members of the same political party, and who are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(4) A representative of the commissioner of agriculture, to be appointed by the governor.

(5) A representative of the department of commerce, to be appointed by the governor.

(6) A representative of the department of workforce development, to be appointed by the governor.

(7) Two (2) persons with knowledge and experience in state and regional economic needs, to be appointed by the governor.

(8) A representative of a local rural economic development organization, to be appointed by the governor.

(9) A representative of a small town or rural community, to be appointed by the governor.

(10) A representative of the rural development council, to be appointed by the governor.

(11) A representative of rural education, to be appointed by the governor.

(12) A representative of the league of regional conservation and development districts, to be appointed by the governor.

(13) A person currently enrolled in rural secondary education, to be appointed by the governor.

(d) The members of the advisory board listed in subsection (c)(1) through (c)(3) are nonvoting members.

(e) The term of office of a legislative member of the advisory board is four (4) years. However, a legislative member of the advisory board ceases to be a member if the member:

(1) is no longer a member of the chamber from which the member was appointed; or

(2) is removed from the advisory board by the appointing authority who appointed the legislator.

(f) The term of office of a voting member of the advisory board is four (4) years. However, these members serve at the pleasure of the governor and may be removed for any reason.

(g) If a vacancy exists on the advisory board, the appointing authority who appointed the former member whose position has become vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy for the

balance of the unexpired term.

(h) Six (6) voting members of the advisory board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the advisory board. The affirmative vote of at least six (6) voting members is necessary for the advisory board to take action.

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